

done an outstanding job as commander of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base in Tarrant County, Texas. He has served our country well while also making significant contributions to the communities around the base.

Earlier in his career, Captain Miller flew SH-2 and SH-60 helicopters based on ships in the Eastern Pacific, Central America, and Caribbean. He also flew fleet airlift missions in the Beechcraft C-12 and the C-130T Hercules transport for three tours, and deployed on relief missions for the Pakistani earthquake and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Captain Miller served two tours in the Pentagon as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director and as principal briefer to the Undersecretary of Defense for all Reserve and National Guard mobilizations, deployment orders, and global force management.

While Captain Miller has served our country he has been blessed with the support of his wife, Cheryl.

I offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Captain Miller for his outstanding career in the Navy and wish him the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING JOHN S.
LIZAMA ON HIS PROMOTION TO
BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Johnny S. Lizama of the village of Santa Rita on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General of the Guam Air National Guard. Brigadier General Lizama is the Director of Staff for Air, Joint Forces Headquarters, Guam National Guard. He was appointed to serve as the Assistant Adjutant General-Air Force by Governor Eddie Baza Calvo.

Brigadier General Lizama began his military career in June 1977 after enlisting in the United States Coast Guard. In December 1982, he enlisted in the Air Force and reported to Eglin Air Force Base as a Direct Duty Assignment Interior Electrician with the 3202nd Civil Engineering Squadron. He later served as a Manpower Management Technician with Detachment 6, 3904th Management Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, California, during his last two years of active duty service. In 1988, Brigadier General Lizama separated from the Air Force and returned to Guam, where he joined the Guam Air National Guard and served as the 254th Services Flight Superintendent until 1992.

In 1992, Brigadier General Lizama was commissioned in the Guam Air National Guard as Personnel Programs Officer for the 254th Air Base Group and later as Director of Personnel for the Active Guard Reserve. As Director of Personnel, he administered a range of personnel programs to include procurement, professional development, recruitment and retention programs, and support for contingency operations, among other major responsibilities.

From 2002 to 2006, Brigadier General Lizama was the comptroller for the 254th Air Base Group with oversight of \$2.1M in appropriated funds, whose financial management

expertise was instrumental in the planning and standup of the 254th Security Forces Squadron. As commander of the 254th Air Base Group from August 2007 to September 2013, he was responsible for the command and control of Guam Air National Guard's units and activities and their maximum readiness capabilities.

Brigadier General Lizama is a 1977 alumnus of Father Duenas Memorial High School in Tai, Guam. He received a Bachelors degree in Management from the University of Guam and Masters degrees in Public Administration and Human Resources from Golden Gate University. Additionally, Brigadier General Lizama enrolled and successfully completed Air War College.

I extend my congratulations to Johnny S. Lizama on his promotion to Brigadier General, and I join the people of Guam in commending him for his service to our nation and island. Brigadier General Lizama's promotion marks an important milestone in the history of the Guam National Guard. Finding qualified officers to serve in Assistant Adjutant General positions ensures that the vision and intent of the Guard Empowerment Act is being fulfilled on Guam. This will provide greater professional development for well qualified officers in the Guam National Guard.

Moreover, this is a historic occasion for our island as Brigadier General Lizama is the first Chamorro Airman to be promoted and federally recognized at the rank of brigadier general in the Guam Air National Guard and the United States Air Force. I also extend my congratulations to his wife, Dee, and their four children, Keith and his wife Paul Jean, Kimberly and her husband Jonathan, Brother Cody, OFM Cap., and Rico as well as to his two grandchildren, Taehlyn-Jean and Urijah John. I wish him the best on this important achievement.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO ABDO
YOUSSEF SAAB

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Abdo Youssef Saab of Los Angeles, California, a man of integrity and an outstanding community leader, who passed away on July 23, 2015.

Abdo was born in Hammana, Lebanon on August 15, 1945. He was educated in Jesuit schools in Lebanon, studied in France and received his Civil Engineering degree. Abdo came to Los Angeles in the early 1970's, where he met Lourdes, a community liaison for the Los Angeles Mayor's Office; they fell in love and married. They lived and raised their two daughters, Liane and Jessica in La Cañada Flintridge before moving to Los Angeles.

Mr. Saab began a long and remarkable career as a businessman, ascending quickly to the position of Vice President of Downtown L.A. Motors. He then began several businesses, including a travel agency and a consulting firm. Abdo was also active in the local law enforcement and political communities.

A charismatic man, Abdo's presence was felt wherever he went. He loved to make peo-

ple laugh, and his good sense of humor made a positive lasting impression on everyone he met. Valuing integrity in work, politics and life, Mr. Saab treated everyone equally with respect and as a friend, and cared deeply about civil liberties and justice. He enjoyed helping people and was a dependable friend in hard times. Deeply patriotic, Abdo loved Lebanon, his country of origin, and America, his adopted home.

A devoted family man, Abdo is survived by his loving wife Lourdes, daughters Liane and Jessica Saab, brother George and sisters Georgette, Layla, Aida and May.

Abdo was an irreplaceable part of our community and he will be sorely missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched. A trusted friend and a man of impeccable character, I ask all Members to join me in remembering Abdo Youssef Saab.

HONORING PRINCIPAL JAMES
CONDON FOR THE 2015 INDIANA
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Principal James Condon of Plymouth High School for being named the 2015 Principal of the Year. His success in fostering an exceptional learning environment for students in Plymouth is nothing short of remarkable.

Every year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals recognizes outstanding middle school and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. Recipients are chosen based on their performance in four categories, which include personal excellence, collaborative leadership, curriculum and personalization. Among other requirements, an award winner must model values, beliefs and attitudes that encourage others to higher levels of performance; create a culture of collaboration; ensure that each student has the best possible opportunity of realizing success; and create a school climate that is warm, inviting, safe and secure. Every one of us depends on our teachers, and because of that, they deserve our support and appreciation.

For over 20 years, Principal Condon has been contributing to the betterment of Indiana education. Since he became the principal of Plymouth High School in 2007, the school has been rated as one of the top high schools in Indiana and has received an "A" from the state in school accountability. As an added accomplishment, the school has achieved an 86 percent graduation rate, exceeding the Indiana state average by nearly 10 percent. These remarkable achievements have been duly recognized and rewarded. Before receiving Principal of the Year, he was named the top high school principal in Indiana's second district, which includes Elkhart, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, LaPorte and Kosciusko counties. Because of leaders like him, Hoosier classrooms are filled with future doctors, scientists and entrepreneurs.

Principal Condon's efforts have been instrumental in advancing Indiana's education system. His leadership has led to the development of digital and project-based learning, creation of dual credit courses and preparation of students for the job market. As a result, Plymouth High School now offers 35 dual credit courses and has achieved one of Indiana's highest pass percentages on AP classes. The school recently opened a state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing Training Center that serves students during the day and adults in the evening. Contributions like these would not be possible without the effort of passionate educators like Principal Condon. Quite simply, his work is bettering the lives of Hoosiers.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank Principal Condon for helping students in Plymouth develop their talents and become our future leaders. On behalf of myself and my fellow Hoosiers, I congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUEN THAI GROUP

**HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I ask you to join me in celebrating a fifty-year story of success that spans not just the Northern Mariana Islands or the mid-Pacific region, but three continents and several oceans. The Luen Thai Group of companies was founded by Dr. Tan Siu Lin in Hong Kong in September 1965, expanded to the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam in the 1970s, and now provides many important services to our community through its many local, regional, and international affiliates.

The Luen Thai Group is among the most successful apparel and accessories supply chain service providers in the world. The apparel business is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and produced 175 million units of garments, bags and shoes last year.

The company has invested heavily in the tourism industry in our region and continues to drive the expansion of tourism today. Luen Thai affiliate Century Travel and Tours is responsible for bringing thousands of visitors to our islands and for providing for their enjoyment during their stay with professional, quality services in air and ground passenger transportation.

Luen Thai Fishing Venture is a "one-stop" seafood provider, offering a full range of supply chain services from fleet operation, base operation, and processing in the central and western Pacific regions, to marketing and sales in Japan, the United States and China.

Luen Thai is also a provider of third party logistics as well as air and sea freight forwarding. The synergy created by these three areas of activity not only supports Luen Thai's own growth, but also helps connect the many small islands scattered over our vast ocean region, contributing to economic development and lifting the quality of life for those who inhabit Micronesia.

And affiliate Asia Pacific Airlines' services match the needs of a wide-ranging clientele. APA is a US-registered airline and a reliable air cargo service carrier in the western Pacific region.

Luen Thai has been involved in shipping since its early days. Along with partners, Luen Thai set up Mariana Express Lines, Ltd. in 1997 to increase the supply of shipping services in the Micronesian region. MELL's reliable and regular shipping services have brought business growth to Luen Thai Group as well as other enterprises in the region.

With service stations in 12 countries across Asia and America, affiliate CTSI is the largest provider of logistics services in Micronesia. It also works closely with MELL and APA to provide a full range of logistics and support services, including logistics consultancy and training, as well as customized IT solutions which support service integration, real time information and efficient operations. CTSI strives to provide the best to its customers by fostering a corporate culture that champions quality service, and by continually investing in both personnel as well as the hardware of the company.

Affiliate POI Aviation provides a broad range of round-the-clock services in ground handling, passenger and cargo handling, airport operation, and aircraft maintenance, to Saipan International Airport and its users.

Affiliate Century Insurance was established in the 1980s as an agent for a number of multi-national non-life insurance companies to issue and underwrite policies on commercial and domestic types of insurance in Micronesia. It was granted a Certificate of Authority to operate as the first fully-fledged non-life insurance company in CNMI.

For a long time, the sheer size of Micronesia has made it difficult and costly to provide a quality health service to the small populations scattered over its islands. Luen Thai met this challenge by investing in TakeCare, Inc. TakeCare provides medical insurance and owns FHP Health Center. One of the longest serving health service providers in the region, FHP operates twelve centers of medical care on Saipan and Guam which cover the full spectrum of wellness, both in sickness and health, from monitoring physical fitness to dispensing quick responses to urgent medical needs such as transfer service to major medical facilities overseas.

Affiliate Saipan Tribune is a daily newspaper that keeps the people of Saipan informed about life on the island and world events while its web version serves as a window to the islands for the outside world. The Tribune is a very important part of the community fabric.

Luen Thai also owns Cosmos Distributing Co. Ltd. and Dickerson & Quinn, which is a vast network in Micronesia for the distribution of a myriad of international brands.

Tango, Inc. brings great, state-of-the art cinema to the western Pacific region. Today, the company owns 17 movie screens, 30 bowling alleys, and other entertainment and dining outlets in the region.

Realty Management Services provides professional management and rental services in Guam and Saipan, including for residential, commercial and industrial properties. The first-rate service and green initiatives of RMS have set benchmarks in the region.

Dr. Tan Siu Lin's values and beliefs are the guiding principles of the operation and development of businesses in Luen Thai. Dr. Tan believes strongly in giving back to the communities where Luen Thai operates.

In 2009, Luen Thai launched the "iServe. iGiveback." program that incorporated all business units and their employees. The group of companies has also shown its support for educational, art, cultural, as well as sport activities and programs with generous sponsorships.

The first Tan Siu Lin Foundation was established in Saipan in 1986, followed by others in Guam, Hong Kong, and China, to oversee and coordinate Dr. Tan's wide-ranging charitable works in many different places.

The history of the Luen Thai group of companies is an extraordinary success story that reflects the vision and dedication of Dr. Tan and his family. The company and its affiliates bring employment, products, services, and business opportunities to the Northern Mariana Islands, to our entire region, and around the world.

RECOGNIZING VIC STORY JR., 2015
FLORIDA FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize a close friend of mine whose dedication to the citrus industry has greatly impacted our Central Florida community. Mr. Vic Story Jr. of Lake Wales, Florida was recently named the 2015 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Florida Farmer of the Year. Mr. Story oversees The Story Companies, his family-owned and operated business, which includes land holdings, citrus management, citrus marketing and harvesting for over 7,000 acres of citrus in Polk, Hardee, Highlands, and Hendry counties.

In 1945, upon returning home from fighting in World War II, Mr. Story's parents moved to Polk County, Florida and purchased 100 acres. Mr. Story, along with his brother, Terry, helped his father plant their property with an orange and grapefruit grove until all the land was planted in citrus. Mr. Story's father, Vic Sr. grew the family's grove into a successful enterprise after surviving the major citrus freezes in 1957-58. In 1965, they began purchasing other citrus groves in the area, and by 1984, they had started a harvesting company. Today Mr. Story serves as the President and Chairman of the Board of The Story Companies for the family farm. He has passed on the management of the family business to his two sons, Kyle and Matt.

This October, Mr. Story and his family will head to Moultrie, Georgia for the Sunbelt Ag Expo, where he will compete with nine other state winners for the Southeastern Farmer of the Year. He is most deserving of being named 2015 Florida Farmer of the Year. His leadership, dedication, and passion continue to be an inspiration to us all.